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Though you are not elected officials, you are charged with upholding and protecting the public good. Please take the time to examine the situation at Sinclair Corporation.

For the record, I am not a registered Democrat but I am fearful for what it means for the survival of our democracy when giant media corporations that reach 24% of our total population can require their affiliates to air over the public airwaves what amounts to a lengthy negative political advertisement of questionable veracity.

How can this be good for democracy? Sinclair does not own the airwaves. The airwaves are a public trust. Public trust demands an attempt, at least, at informing the public, identify advertisements as advertisements and in matters political, airing opposing points of view so the electorate can make an informed decision.

We have all too often seen the effect in our world of unbridled misuse of public media for personal or political gain. It is your job to make sure that is not happening in the Sinclair case.

Thank you.